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Christopher Donta
Gray & Pape, Inc.
60 Valley Street, Suite 103
Providence RI 02909

Re: Phase I and Phase II Archeological Survey
Clear River Energy Center, Invenergy LLC, Burrillville, RI

Dear Mr. Donta,

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission has reviewed the results of the Phase I archaeological identification surveys and the Phase II archaeological site examination of the Iron Mine Brook Dune Site (RI 2757) conducted by Gray & Pape. The survey resulted in the discovery of several artifact scatters, both historic and Native American, in the Power Block, Frontage, and PUD Well Site survey areas, a Native American site (the Iron Mine Brook Dune Site) and one historic site (a nineteenth-century structure location).

We agree with your assessment that the artifact scatters do not constitute significant cultural resources; no further archaeological investigation of them is warranted. We further agree that, based on the results of the Phase II archaeological survey, the Iron Mine Brook Dune Site is not eligible for listing on the National Historic Places, but that the historic foundation located during the Phase I survey (assigned RI 2758) is a potentially significant cultural resource. In as much as the project proponent plans to avoid RI 2758, the Clean River Energy Center will not affect it.

The RIHPHC therefore concludes that unless this project's construction impacts change, the construction of the Clear River Energy Center will have no effect on any significant cultural resources (those listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places).

These comments are provided in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Taylor, Senior Archaeologist at this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward F. Sanderson
Executive Director
State Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: Todd Bianco, Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board
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